

1624 Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2011 – King East Office

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS	ASSIGNMENTS	DUE DATES	LEADS
Foster Parent Representatives Elections	<p>Denise Revels Robinson's letter, information sheet and nomination form were passed out.</p> <p>Two Children's Administration Foster Parent Consultation Work Team (CAFPT) members, and one alternate will be elected, based on number of votes each candidate receives.</p> <p>Care givers provided feedback that they are glad to see the process is being standardized.</p>			Ballots due back to the King East office by 10-07-11.	
Foster Parent Blog	<p>Stephanie Allison-Noone shared that Olive Crest has approached her about the possibility of creating a blog for foster parents/care givers, and that she has agreed to meet with them to discuss this idea.</p> <p>The purpose would be to share resources and information for those caring for foster children.</p>		Stephanie Allison-Noone to schedule meeting w/Olive Crest.	12-08-11	

	Everyone in attendance thought this would be helpful.				
Support Organizations for foster parents	<p>A discussion took place about agencies and groups that are available to support foster parents.</p> <p>The groups mentioned were Olive Crest, Treehouse and other private agencies.</p> <p>A possible idea is to network to develop resources for school supplies, cribs, etc.</p> <p>The idea of a Tool Box for foster parents was brought up as a possible outcome, with information of this type being posted to the foster parent website.</p> <p>The question was asked who can actually post this information to the website. The individuals are: Bob Partlow Carolyn Jones</p>				

<p>Educational Services</p>	<p>Information was passed out on Treehouse programs and eligibility criteria.</p> <p>IEPs need to be a priority. Foster parents are not receiving IEPs in a timely manner, or not at all, delaying the enrollment of foster children in school.</p> <p>Foster parents would like the IEP when the child is placed. A discussion took place around the priority of securing a placement for the child, and then the SW can work on getting the IEP for that child.</p> <p>School staff need to have an understanding of the critical need for the IEP to get the child enrolled in school.</p> <p>Stephanie will locate information about state law and educational advocacy information for the next meeting.</p> <p>The foster parents talked about the need for other agencies to be held accountable for this process</p>	<p>Invite OSPI to participate in the 1624 meetings; reach out to law enforcement.</p> <p>Foster parents want a Placement Assessment and an IEP when the child is being placed.</p> <p>SW should be held accountable for obtaining a copy of the IEP.</p> <p>Should the SW have a state letter to take to the school for the child who is changing school districts?</p> <p>Have community based meetings – bring in representatives from the agencies/group listed, to talk with foster parents.</p> <p>Build teams around the youth. (Shared planning.)</p>	<p>Stephanie Allison-Noone</p>	<p>12-08-11</p>	
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	<p>such as school districts. Foster parents are held accountable to DLR for meeting all requirements and school districts should also be held accountable.</p> <p>This lead to another discuss about all of the agencies/groups that work with foster children:</p> <p>JRA Corrections Law enforcement mental health School superintendents DD services CORS and all support systems.</p> <p>These other groups should also be held accountable for their part in this process of taking care of foster children.</p> <p>Discussion also took place about foster parents advocating for themselves and the foster children in their care.</p>				
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Office based foster parent meetings including community agencies, law enforcement, mental health agencies, etc.	This process is already underway in R2 south hub.		Stephanie Allison-Noone	12-08-11	
Create written document that helps explains the basics of accessing systems for foster parents.	Website for foster parents to access this information, and a place to share information with other foster parents.				
Panel for foster parents to meet with other systems providing services to foster children. Foster parent panels can be created to go out in to the community and talk to groups like the Odessa Brown Clinic	Foster Promise – John Paul ??? Recruiting tool	Stephanie Allison-Noone to invite John Paul ??? to 1624 meeting.			
VPA	Policy to be sent out regarding 18 year olds	Stephanie Allison-Noone			

<p>CPA/Placement Packets</p> <p>Meri Waterhouse is collecting samples from across the state.</p>	<p>Stephanie Allison-Noone will reminder King East staff of the need to provide this information when the child is place.</p> <p>Stephanie will also bring this issue up to Meri as part of this project.</p>				
<p>Placement – King County</p>	<p>Foster parents said they are having to search the internet in order to find kids to be placed in their homes.</p> <p>The foster parents cannot adequately watch the children placed in their care and monitor the internet to see if there are other children that would be suitable placements for their home and license.</p> <p>Foster parents would like Placement to call them, not just post information on the internet.</p>				
<p>ATTENDEES:</p>	<p>Gia Wesley, DLR Roy Mitchell, FP Doreen Holze, CA Celeste Carey, CFSF Ruben Reeves, DLR Esther Adams, FP Carol Hutson, FP</p>				

	Talya Miller, FP Tess Thomas, FP Linda Porter, Kinship Caregiver Stephanie Allison-Noone, CA Elizabeth Rich, FP				